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## The Lord of Christmas Week

EN have long dreamed of the perfect ruler, some happy prince who shall love his people well, whose leadership shall be wise, gentle, and just. History is witness to man's effort to find him—the hero, the strong man, the righteous ruler—and then to establish him in dominion over their broken lives and warring wills. Long ago they found Him. But all who find Him lose Him, though all have found Him fair. The eager dream came true, when there issued out of Bethlehem the man of good-will, the lover of the race. Each year, for a handful of days, so brief, so swift to go, Lord Christ assumes the leadership. Each year we give Him Christmas Week, permitting His will to prevail. His brooding spirit to rest upon the nations.

Towards that gentle interlude—the days of the Truce of God—men longingly look through the tale of the weary months. And when the brief term is ended, yearningly our thoughts turn back to that time when we were good together. His spirit is breathed through the pensive season, like faint music in the night. Strife, anger, tumult, and the hurry of the little days are banished. For our sad mood and lonely heart He brings a comfort. In His authority we find our peace. A while we dwell in that felicity. Touched with mortality, as is all earthly beauty, the rapid days glance by, and we have lost them while the welcome is still on our lips. He comes and He passes, because our hospitality is short of duration and we are troubled about many things. We crowd Him out for other guests less radiant. If His dominion over the hearts of men were more than a lovely episode—if He might but abide, it would be well with us.

## An Old Time Christmas

The damsel donned her kerchief shawl. The hall was dressed with holly green.forth to the wood did merry men go To gather in the mistletoe. Then, with a jingle, down the stairs he came To vassal, tenant, serf and all. Power laid his rod of rule aside, And ceremony dispensed with pride. The jester with a roar in his shoes, That night might village partner choose: The long期待ing share The popular game of post and pair, All hailed with uncontrolled delight; And general voices the happy night: The jester with a roar in his shoes, Brought tidings of salvation down. The fire with well dried logs supplied Went roaring up the chimney wide. The jester with a roar in his shoes, Scrubbed till it shone the day to grace. Brought upon its massive board No mark to part the square and lord. Then was brought in the lusty brown By old blue-coated serving man: Then the jester's board's head frowned on high, Crested with bay and rosemary: Well can the green-garbed ranger tell How when men and where the master fell: What dogs before his death lay round the post and the hour. The waspish round in good brown bowis, Garnish'd with ribbons, blithely trivis. There the huge strivis reeked; hard by Plum porridge stood and Christmas pie. Not failed old Scotland to produce A such bairn like her sonny son. Then came the jester makers in And Carols roared with bithlessoun. If unmelodious was the song, It was here that the song was strong. Who late may in their mummery see Traces of ancient mystery. White shirts supplied the jester's needs. And when the visitors made fit, oh, what masques richly dight Can boast of honest half so light? England was merry tugsit when Old Christus brought his sports again. 'Twas Christmas broached the night before. 'Twas Christmas told the merriest tale. A Christmas gambol off would cheer The poor man's heart through half the year.

SIR WALTER SCOTT.

### After All His Trouble.

Two men were hurrying along Park Row, when the wind seemed to be blowing from all directions to the peril of umbrellas and anything not firmly anchored. One of them, however, had a very large umbrella which had been thrown into the street along with many others, and, stopping to consider that it was too good to pass. As he stopped a gust of wind captured his hat and sent it to St. Paul's Chapel, he after it. He ran into a man, slipped, fell in the mud and arose in time to see his umbrella break. At a nearby restaurant, where he was drying his clothes, he said: "I lost my umbrella. I am a poor fellow, and have no clothes for the handle of a thirty-cent umbrella. That would not be so bad, but I see the handle is broken."—New York Tribune.

### Worth Knowing.

A good cold dessert is made by adding to a pint of grated pineapple pulp half a pint of water, and half a pound of sugar previously boiled to syrup with a half a cupful of water. Press through a fine sieve, and when cool add the whipped white of an egg. Beat vigorously for a few minutes and set on ice until just before serving. High

sherry glasses may be used for this dessert. To secure some taste take a lump of soap as large as a walnut, put it in an old teapot, pour boiling water on it, put the lid on, put the spout to your mouth, and the steam will cure the toothache.

A writer on cookery for invalids very wisely remarks that too great care in the preparation of food is the cause of making the invalid's tray attractive and of serving food very hot. Neglect in these two particulars

is often the reason for a lack of appetite on the part of patients. It is always a good plan to buy soap in a large quantity, so that it will have a chance to become thoroughly dry before it is used. Dry soap is much longer than fresh soap. Each bar of soap first of its paper wrappings, as these prevent it from drying properly.

Doctor—Do you talk in your sleep?

Patient—No; I talk in other people's.

I'm a clergyman.—London Tribune.

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MONTRÉAL

## Puddings That Had Experiences Before Being Eaten

For well over half a century, the Christmas pudding has been the central figure of the dinner which has gained such a tremendous notoriety in every part of the civilized regions of the globe. Britons do con-

sciously eat puddings, especially when sent abroad to friends in relatives in America, and have diverse and strange experiences.

This was the adventure of one despatched by the wife of the writer to their son in a distant land.

Some time ago, he described by the young fellow in a letter later:

"You said in Your last letter that you were sending me a Christmas pudding in a dish.

"Well, when I received it, the dish

came safely to hand, and it was certainly small—very small."

But when you said the pudding

weighed about four pounds,

the amount that I received weighed some-

thing like a ton."

The postman about this the next time

I met him, and he was accounted for

the loss.

"You see, my boy, puddings hate

the heat of drying up as time passes.

Now, your good mother made you

one, at least a month ago, you say,

so that it had dried up.

Then, also, 2000 in mire the

drying nature of this climate! More

over, remember that the postman

was a young John, and

Saskatchewan, through whose hands that pudding passed, would be most eager to gather

you up, and, if possible, eat you up,

so, to remind him of the old land,

so to speak, that even four out

get new at Russell.

So Honorable G. W. Russell

tells an amusing story about Christ-

mas puddings, with regard to one

which were to be sent to him in feed-

ing about a hundred starving dock-

shoppers."

A more broken-down, faded, and

greyed diamond ring,

says Mr. Russell. "It would be impossible to imagine. The poor fellow had scarcely enough

money to eat the good things, and

for them and their hundred slowly

wants did! They were married in

no reason why it should not have

brought their meal of meat-pies and coffee without a word, almost without a smile. Then, all at once, a huge Christmas pudding, wreathed with holly and ivy, was flung into the room, and a horse into the hall. When they saw it, a deep gash of joy burst from the assembled dockers, and the young man, who had been the cause of much mirth and glee, and greeted the joyful sight with the quavering strains of 'Auld Lang Syne.'

"It was the most touching tribute to the power of the Christmas pudding that I ever witnessed."

One famous London firm which makes puddings abroad every December, tells a romantic story of how a gentle giant came to the rescue of a poor widow at the beginning of November, and asked whether they would include in one pudding a small parcel brought to him by a postman.

The firm agreed, and made a pudding with that parcel right in its centre.

Find a diamond ring.

It eventually turned out that what

it was cut up, at the Christmas dinner

of a family who had consisted of a son

and daughter, besides the parents.

When the knife struck hard against

the plate, the son was

astonished when the parcel came to

light.

It was found to contain a fine dia-

mond ring, with a note asking that

the young lady in the family who rec-

eived it would forward her photograph to the sender.

He replaced them in the set.

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Two children were sitting in front of the bright fire one evening the week before Christmas not long ago. They were tired of play, and mother and father and the big sisters and brothers had gone to town. Jennie and Bob were left with Grandma, whose knitting had dropped on her lap as she, too, was tired.

Golden-haired Jennie looked around the pretty room, but not even Alice in Wonderland or Grimm's Fairy Tales, which lay on a table near could tempt her to read to-night.

All at once Bob's dark eyes sparkled and nestling close to Grandma's side, she said, "Tell us a story, said Alice."

"Tell us a story, said Alice."

The light shone on Grandma's sweet face and silver hair and the dim eyes grew soft and bright as she patted the curly head and putting her arms round Jennie's slender form, drew her close to her.

"Would you like a story about Christmas?" she said.

"Yes, indeed," said both in the same breath.

"Well, a great many years ago, near the Gulf of St. Lawrence, five children lived in a little house on a small island. On fine summer days they could go down to bathe and watch the boats come in with their loads of fish and gather pretty shells and stones.

In the early spring they hunted for the sweet pink mayflowers

hidden under the moss and knew when the time came to find the wild violets in the forest.

They picked berries to among the long grass and the meadows or in the woods. The older ones, Martha, Hugh and Janet, with little Ernest stayed home with his mother.

But there was no sign of green grass or blue waves, much less of flowers or berries this Christmas, and the world was covered with snow. For two days the feathered flakes had fallen from the grey sky, silent and thick and fast. Then the wind had risen and for a day and a night it had howled and whistled till the roads were blocked and the children could not go on our side to the caves with a great white blanket that blocked the door and windows. It had grown very cold and although the fire in the big stove had burned nearly all night the windows were covered so thick with ice that the pretty patterns of ferns and trees and all sorts of graceful figures had disappeared and hardly Hugh could scarcely, with his hot tongue and warm breath, make a hole large enough to see through.

And now, perhaps, you had better hear something of the people who lived in this home, which though it was, was a very happy one.

Mr. Morton was the district school teacher. He had come to the settlement seven years ago and was loved and honored both by the parents and children. He was not, however, well paid, and even sober Martha little knew

what hard struggle it was to get plenty of wholesome food and warm clothing for the family. But Mrs. Morton was a good manager and if the family was poor the children at least never felt it.

They loved their tall, fair mother very dearly and thought there was no one so beautiful as her in Sunday dress of grey alpaca with its broad white color.

But father was the playmate of the little folks. All sort of cry riddles and stories seemed to amuse him and he had many a noisy romp and merry game the little folks had with him in the winter evenings. And this was Christmas morning, the happiest day in the year. But as the fire was, it was bright enough to light stockings and close to the fire.

"With gusto and shout the children drew out their treasures.

A scalloped cake, a bunch of raisins, a handful of nuts, sticks of home-made candy (cooking him they called it), a big apple and some delicious biscuits were the presents that riches to you who have books and dolls and toys. But not one of you will be happier on Christmas day than were these girls and boys that morning.

The little ones hurried to show and share their father's presents and mother and Martha began to get the breakfast. But when did children ever want breakfast on Christmas morning?

And now the little ones must be dressed. The girls put on the pretty pink pinuppers that covered their warm frocks. Hugh wore the suit mother made last

week from an old one of father's and little Ernest, the pretty plain frock with its bright yellow buttons that grandmother had sent from town.

And now, from outside voices could be heard. Mr. Jackson, the farmer, whose farm was distant, and his two big boys were busy shovelling a tunnel to the door, and before the children had grown tired of their play it opened, letting in a flood of Christmas light and showing the jolly face of the farmer, as he shouted, "A Merry Christmas!"

Very soon Mrs. Jackson followed him, bringing in her ebony

face, a host of good wishes and under her clean print apron, a bowl of steaming broth which Mrs. Morton must perform.

Mr. Jackson sat down and took the day off.

He had worn out and was now within an hour of noon. Then the quiet house was busy but quiet and active than usual, the children had noticed, but they had felt somehow that as father moved about, his voice was very soft and tender and as leaving the little ones he put his arm round his oldest daughter and gave her a lingering kiss; she remembered afterwards that his voice trembled.

And then the most wonderful

thing happened. Bustling Mrs. Jackson carried off every one of the little troop to her own house; mother hastily kissed them good-bye, the children helped them get aboard gone out and the bearded children went inside the big house before they had time to dream of asking why.

There were then playmates of their own age. There were for their Christmas dinner, A more sweetmeats and nuts to eat.

The older children helped their mother to clean up the money chest.

With the dishes, the brightly polished steel knives and forks were soon in their proper places on the long table.

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## Music's Christmas Message

When dawns the joyous Christmastide.  
And merry bells ring far and wide.  
The tale of Christ's birth  
The song that fills His own voice.  
Peals forth to help mankind rejoice  
In peace on earth.  
For Music is the to *o* of mirth.  
One language known 's all the earth.  
Whatever land or clime,  
And may its message of good cheer  
Bring to us all throughout the year  
The joys of Christmastime.

—THE—

**NORDHEIMER**  
Piano & Music Co., Ltd.  
18 King St. W. Hamilton

## The Little Mud Sparrows

By Elizabeth Stuart Phelps.  
I like that old wives' legend  
Not found in Holy Writ,  
But in the old New England  
Had made Bible out of it.

But, though it is not Gospel,  
There is no law to hold  
The birds in their nests better  
Than the old wives' story told.

How the little Jewish children  
Danced in the mud, and then  
Went down across the meadows  
With the Child Christ to play.

And in the cold-green valley,  
When low the sun was setting,  
They made them mud-sparrows  
Out of the mud they found.

And when the sun was fastened  
And ranged in Rocks about,  
"Now we'll be safe," they said,  
"We'll let the birds fly out."

Then all the happy children  
Died, and cast, and cry—  
"We'll let the birds fly out,  
Pf, as I told you—"

But garden were the sparrows,  
Upon the earth they sat,  
Through the mud the Jewish children  
Cried out and cried again—

Except the one bird only,  
The little mud-Chair made.  
The chair that owned him Maker—  
And when he was made.

Softly he leaned and whispered:  
"Fly up to Heaven, my  
And with me to the sky."

And said all the children  
Stood awe-struck looking on  
"The bird is a Sparrow,  
The bird is a Sparrow."

I like to think for playtime  
That the Sparrow is still.  
And that still above our weakness,  
He works His magic still.

Then all our little sparrow  
Of all the hopes and joys  
Shall be by His Commandment  
In the year 1919.

Our souls are like the Sparrows  
In the cage who came to grow  
With us a Christmas Day.

Well—he tried to kiss me  
I'm afraid he didn't kiss him. Because  
He didn't kiss me, etc.

## PEEBLES

*The Jeweler*

213 KING ST. E.

### CHRISTMAS SUGGESTIONS

Children's 10-karat. Signet  
Rings, engraved free. \$1.25, \$1.50, \$1.75  
Children's 18-karat. Rings, set  
with garnets, pearls, etc. \$1.25  
Children's 10-karat. Chain  
and Locket, on sale for. \$2.75, \$3.25 and \$3.75  
Ladies' Gem Rings, engraved free. \$1.75, \$2.25, \$3.50  
Ladies' Gem Rings, very nice  
line. \$1.50, \$2.00, \$2.50  
Fancy Ruby Rings. \$1.00  
Pearl Rings with one pearl  
each. \$4.00, \$4.50, \$5.00  
Twin Pearl Rings. \$2.00  
Five-Pearl Rings. \$2.00  
Five-Pearl Rings. \$2.00, \$2.50  
Ladies' Diamond Rings, nice  
white brilliant stones. \$2.00  
Ladies' Five-Diamond Rings  
with brilliant stones. \$2.00  
Cameo Rings. \$3.50, \$4.50, \$5.00  
\$5 and \$10.  
Black Onyx and Pearl Rings  
with brilliant stones. \$12, \$15 and \$15  
Bracelet Watches. Fine 15  
Jewel with silk band. \$12.50  
Fine 18-karat. Bracelet  
Watch, gold-filled. \$12.50  
Gold-filled Bracelet Watch,  
special value. \$16  
Solid Gold Watch. \$15.00  
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Heavy 10-karat. Gold  
Watch. \$12.50  
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Men's Signet Rings, engraved  
free. \$1.50, \$2.00, \$2.50  
Men's Signet Rings, engraved  
free. \$1.50, \$2.00, \$2.50  
Men's Stone Rings, special  
values. \$1.50, \$2.00, \$2.50  
Men's Good Strong. Waltham  
Watch. \$11.50  
Thin Model Watch, guaranteed  
free. \$12.00  
Waltham Watch, roll gold,  
Empress case. \$14.00  
Thin Model. Waltham Watch,  
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Good Reliable. Gold-filled  
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Nice This Model. Waltham  
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Fine Gold-filled. Waltham  
Watch. \$12.50, \$15.00, \$18.00  
Gold Watch. \$12.50, \$15.00, \$18.00  
Waltham Clocks. 8-day, 1/2-hour  
strike. \$25, \$30, \$35, \$35, \$35,  
\$40, \$45, \$50.  
Waltham Mantel Clocks. 8-day, 1/2-hour  
strike. \$31, \$32, \$35, \$35  
Ladies' Gentleman's Silver  
Watch. Gold. \$15.00, \$18.00, \$20.00  
Cheats of 1847 Silver. Old Colony  
and Community. \$18.50, \$21.00,  
\$22.00.  
Good assortment Old Colony  
pattern. Two pieces. Berry  
pattern. Pink, Purple, Kairies, etc.  
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## SAY MERRY CHRISTMAS WITH FLOWERS

THE fragrant breath of June in the home  
on Christmas morn, the loveliness of  
Summer when all outside is stern, barren  
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There is nothing that carries the idea of sentimental thoughtfulness quite so far as a gift of flowers. We have specially appropriate sorts for holiday vases, corsage, table decoration or general decoration.

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## NOT MISERABLE AWAY FROM HOME

"To be away from home on Christmas is a calamity," said a friend by the name of Hayard Taylor, who for many years, but at Christmas time, when away from Dunkirk have always observed a pall on the face of Nature and a tone of sadness in the atmosphere, an atmosphere more desolate than is to be away from home and loved ones on this gayest of all festive days.

How many should spend Christmas

when such circumstances will depend,

of course, on personal temperament.

If they are loved ones at home,

they have a desire to be with them

in the thought that though absent

they are being recalled in pleasure-

and pain of the day.

Possibly it may happen there are

friends whom they have not seen

for a long time, and it would be great mistake to

fail taking advantage of it.

What one really wants on Christmas

is to be with home, and the spirit of liberty many friendships

which have proved to all years

of service, and the spirit of the

greatest Christmas. Perhaps they are

the greatest blessings the day could

possibly have.

For those who have to spend their

Christmas in hotels lying out on the

road a generous provision has usually

been made for them.

But there are many ways in which to

soothe the spirit of regret without

leaving home.

With the spirit of the day, which will

be with them, and the sympathy of

friends, generally known and can direct one to those

churches in which they are most cer-

tainly to be found.

Whether abroad or home, a church

visit should be made on Christmas

day, and there are often special

Christmas entertainments reflecting

the spirit of the day, which may be

patronized, or one may attend

the various entertainments made up of

the popular kinds. In connection

with the latter it may be remembered

that at all theatres on Christmas

day special attractions are offered  
and it will often happen they will be  
macked by unimportant features un-  
der the name of "drama." These are  
not of the day. They are all over  
the world and, sentiment, which  
sometimes seems dead, is never really  
absent. Always when the appropriate  
comedy comes along it feels born  
forth with a glad rust and always  
proving contagious.

Then one may remember that ever  
since we all find just as many  
opportunities to assist in making  
Christmas cheerful for those de-  
prived of the day, there are all  
the opportunities to care and reflect  
the spirit of liberty many friendships

which have proved to all years  
of service, and the spirit of sympathy  
which is the spirit of Christmas. Here one may  
often busy themselves only to find  
when the day is past that they have  
done all the good and done all the  
harm, and the sympathy is still a  
feeling of despair that it has been  
so easily given away.

So really being away from home  
on Christmas, undesirable as it may  
not be, is not necessarily a bad thing.  
With some experience, if it could  
be limited to just one, would have  
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## EXPECT TO GET MEN WHO TRIED TO KILL FRENCH

VISCOUNT FRENCH EXPECTED  
THE ATTACK UPON HIMSELF

But Said "He Was Not Going to Evade Danger"---Sinn Fein Paper's Hint

## No Arrests as Yet, but Government Expects to Catch the Culprits

(A. P. Special Cable.)

Dublin, Dec. 20.—In spite of strenuous exertions on the part of the police and military authorities to discover the perpetrators of the attempt to assassinate Viscount French yesterday, it was generally reported that no arrests had been made, and that the English officials are absolutely reticent regarding the progress of the investigation. The public feeling is that there have been no demonstrations.

The authorities are according to the reports of the *Irish Times* and *Viscount French*, and also are closely investigating the associates of Savage, who was killed while running from the scene of the attack on the attorney-general's life, in the hope of finding a clue to the identity of the assassins.

**EXPECT TO CATCH THEM.**

Belief is held that this evidence has been gathered that may result in the arrest of several of those who planned and carried out the attack. Doubts exist, however, as to the authorities last night when a store in this city was raided, the officers having been led to the place of passage by the police, and Savage, who was killed while running away from the scene of the attempted assassination.

The police, however, under close guard of police, no one being allowed to enter. Large crowds from Dublin gathered outside the scene of the attack yesterday afternoon.

Viscount French and Mr. Saunders, his secretary, refused to see newspapermen, and official sources are very reticent. It is stated however, that the Lord Lieutenant

was probably the least surprised of all by the attempt against his life. It is known that he has exposed himself to danger, and on the evening recently he was "governing Ireland, pistol in hand," but that he "was not afraid to do it." It is also recalled that the *Sinn Fein* newspaper, *Republique*, edited by Darrel Figgis, was printed in one of its September issues.

"Viscount French will not be here long," said the editor of the *Republique*. His freedom will be won when French has passed from the scene."

**NOT DAUNTED.**

LONDON, Dec. 20.—James Ian MacPherson, Chief Secretary for Ireland, has arranged to go to Dublin immediately, but will be closely guarded.

The *Irish Times* quotes Mr. MacPherson as under constant guard of two detectives, and when he increased to twelve men.

Dublin despatches to the newspaper say that the body of Viscount French yesterday has been arrested, but all other reports state that no captures were made following the raid on the police station.

The *Irish Times* quotes the Lord Lieutenant as saying recently:

"Let those who come after see to it that his name be not forgotten."

**LET THOSE WHO COME AFTER SEE TO IT**

That his name be not forgotten.

A writer in the *Mirror* says he talked to Viscount French while the latter was in London, and that he was in negotiation with the government relative to the Home Rule Bill. He asserts the Viscount declined.

The Viscount, however, is reported to be fired upon, but fortunately they do not always hit what they aim at."

LLOYD GEORGE THINKS HE HAS  
ACCEPTABLE PLAN FOR IRELAND

**BILL TO BE INTRODUCED MONDAY SAID TO BE VERY CONCILIATORY.**

AN EXPENSIVE  
CHRISTMAS GIFT

(Canadian Press Wire.)  
New York, Dec. 20.—Charles J. Homan, a broker, yesterday presented John P. Melancon, his confidential agent with a seat on the New York Stock Exchange as a Christmas gift. The rate of a seat on the Exchange brought \$100,000.

EXCHANGE IS  
AGAIN RISING

(Canadian Press Wire.)  
New York, Dec. 20.—Demand bills in the pound sterling at the opening of the local market to-day were quoted at \$25.50 up \$14 cent from yesterday.

The rate was attributed to Secretary of the Treasury Glass' representations to Representative Ford, urging adoption of a bill to increase the amount of Central Europe and the funding of interest on loans to the Allies.

New York funds in Canada were quoted at 8-1/2 per cent premium.

## END OF THE WORLD

When Government Pays the  
Electron Officers.

Returning officers, poll clerks and all others who gave their services in the last Provincial election believe that the new scheme of government differs from the one previously discussed, and carries concessions on various questions much further.

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**BIG MASS MEETING**

W. F. Cockshutt Will Speak

TO-MORROW.

Mr. W. F. Cockshutt, of the British Red Cross, will speak at the large gathering that will be held in First Methodist Church to-morrow, Sunday, at 7 o'clock. Mr. Cockshutt, a native of Hamilton, and will have a helpful and timely message for all on Sunday night. Mr. W. F. Cockshutt, this morning, addressed the gathering. The choir, under the leadership of Harry Allen, will sing appropriate Christmas selections. The Rev. Dr. John, Miss Dorothy May, Miss G. J. Kotzenmeyer and Mr. D. Mclellan.

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Gordon was reckoned a rich man, perhaps the wealthiest in Santa Lucia, and for a long time back he had been more or less annoyed by dissolutery attempts on the part of the bandit chief. The last success of these efforts had brought about a concentration of the elements that, in time, with the result that they now took advantage of the revolutionary burst of flame to得意 upon his establishment in force.

Don Antonio was all right, just as Hobson had expected, and did his full share of the work of redemption, fighting like a good fellow when the rogues broke through one of the doors, and, though he was not far from the threshold with an eagerness to begin the division of spoils.

The camp was fought side by side with his friend from the North, and when the little scuffle had subsided, ending in the temporary truce, each camp had in it two antagonistic elements had come to respect each other more than had been the case.

To Patricia the sight of their David and Jonathan act must have appeared more than a little apt to give her a feeling of satisfaction, since the last time these belligerent gods met in the flesh, in person, it was to be at each other's throats.

When he had a minute's rest, Hobson had time to question his friend concerning the resources of his abode. Suppose the rescue party failed to come to the rescue, the situation would grow desperate, and he desired to know what could be expected in an emergency.

Patricia had a faint hope and expectation that, since he had heard of one tunnel in the mountain, he would be able to make his escape through it, though they must be at the worst to beat a retreat to safety.

The time had come to be the case for Gordon had never thought of providing his establishment with one of these important features, so he had to make do, though they must put their backs against the wall and stand out to the last.

Never had such an outbreak occurred in Santa Lucia, and long must the scars remain to tell its fury. To Velaquez might be traced all the trouble, for the bandit chief, in his mercenary, had brought hordes of desperadoes to the capital from every nearby country, and rendered such a thing possible.

Now that Velaquez was fighting for his seat of power, risking all on the outcome of the war.

Hobson also found time once or twice to cross over to where the men had their shelter, and make a visit to Patricia, and give her Patricia a word of cheer. His presence seemed to do more to reassure her than all else, and though he was of strong physique, and his confidence did much to make her forget the dreadful perils that menaced her.

The bandit chief was more numerous and threatened to consume the strength of those who so bravely defied the law.

Already Hobson had reason to fear the marauders had gained access through the tunnel, for he heard sounds from that region that seemed to indicate that a rushing search was being inaugurated.

If they could only have evacuated with colors flying, he would have been in favor of the idea, in the same, but Gordon had Scotch blood in his veins, and was inclined to be somewhat obstinate, so that he had refused to go to such a place as seemed too late.

What Hobson could do, he could do, but the house, either in safety or otherwise? The prospect was not pleasant, since it must of necessity face the mob, and when he was flying, and great danger menace the girl whom he was sworn to protect.

Had he not, however, done so? Hobson would have willingly paid a fortune to buy off that crowd of seekers after gold that he feared for her safety. Had he been alone, his nature was such that he would remain silent, and let his wife fly, and great danger menace the girl whom he was sworn to protect.

But he had a wife, and he had done so. Hobson had the courage, and more sense, and was more frequent. In one of these it chanced that Don Antonio slipped to the floor, and, as he fell, struck the hand of a savage half-breed with whom he had been hotly engaged, only that Hobson sprang to his aid, and held him close, so that he fell out through the door by means of a terrible blow, delivered straight at his head.

He had known then that never again could his hand be raised against the man to whom he was indebted for his life.

Another had witnessed the little act in the horrible place. Patricia, the first to remain behind, and the barmaid where she had been placed, for while these brave men were risking their lives to save the girl, she was too much to cover there and remain ignorant as to the progress of the battle; and, perhaps, that she saw him in the dark, and, as her feelings toward this man who had burst upon her life like a comet in the heavens.

Hobson knew full well a crisis was upon them. What lay in the immediate future, he or any other could say. All he could do was to battle to the last, and keep on the alert to the hope of discovering some ray of light whereby they might be saved.

So the climax? A flame came upon them, who faced a dozen guitars, and the maddest of voices burst into the house, making further resistance in regard to holding the castle worth it. It was time to run, to see whether their delay had been fatal, or if a hope yet remained to their working out their own salvation.

Hobson was a sight by this time. He

had been in the thick of the fight, and was bleeding from several slight wounds, though luckily nothing serious had been inflicted upon him up to date. This, with his tattered coat and disreputable headgear, made him a spectacle for the gods.

He threw the burning jacket aside as though the very tops in his rash had been scalded white the girl had been left. Never had he been so close to her before in his life.

He could be remembered so easily, so unimportant as things looks. Just now his mind was entirely taken up with thoughts concerning Patricia, and his heart ached to tell her all his alarmings.

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IN THE COMMON-PLACE,

This place—this narrow lodging, this dingy office, this stupid shop, this vulgar company, this dreary street, this swinehole, this prison, this pestilential house of God. Just this, and no other place than this, is the school for my training, the school for my education, all aimed for my sacrifice, according to the will of God. All this, while here, I have been a good boy, and here, God himself, surrounding me and abiding me that may make a home in my heart.

The name of God in these circumstances implies the sacredness of our commonplace experiences. Many Christians stand here in their relations to God, and here, in their daily lives, in the common-places of life.

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## HARBOR IMPROVEMENTS

The Hamilton Harbor Commission, under the leadership of Capt. Geo. Guy, has vision of a great future for the water front of this city. It some time ago engaged Engineers J. M. Wilson and E. L. Coulson, both men of repute in their spheres, to investigate the possibilities of the water front, and draw up a plan of development that would be in keeping with the needs of the same and to the best of the surroundings. These plans have not been completed and in to-day's issue of the Times are presented plans of "before and after" variety that will give our readers an idea of the extent of the improvements contemplated. These improvements will be made on the instalment plan as the funds are forthcoming. Alleged legal expenses will be such between four and five thousand dollars to be borne by the Dominion Government, the city and the Harbor Commission.

The first requisite for these improvements is that the city should acquire possession of the whole bay front, so that the public should have full use of it. When the new harbor is completed the St. Lawrence deepened, the improvements to our harbor will make Hamilton an ocean port, where ships will sail from and to this city across the Atlantic and back without breaking bulk. This is perhaps the main object to be obtained. It will bring Hamilton in close contact with the European markets and be an immense factor in the development of the city.

The harbor will be provided with docks and slips large enough and deep enough to accommodate ocean going vessels.

It is planned that the industrial section of the front will be east of James street, with a dockage of over six miles with railway yards. The section that is to be developed will be between Wellington and Wentworth streets. The whole will form an industrial acreage of thirty-seven acres. For this first section the Dominion Government has given \$100,000. This industrial centre will have steam and electric transportation facilities. There will also be public parks and recreation grounds, with extensive areas of lawns covering the entire water front. Great things are in store for Burlington Beach and the north shore. They will be laid out for residential and amusement purposes. The Beach will have portions of it reclaimed, thus enlarging its acreage, and will be provided with board walk, etc. The electric road will be elevated above the G.T.R. tracks. When all these improvements and extensions are completed, not only an ocean port with every facility for industrial expansion, but it will be one of the most attractive spots on the coast of America. More power to the members of the Harbor Commission.

## THE UNION GOVERNMENT

There are congratulations in certain quarters over the respite of Sir Robert Borden not to refuse permanently from public life, because it is assumed that this will render unnecessary the resignation of the war minister. But the public, as a body, desire the continuance of the Government or fear the election of a new one? To oppose the resignation of the Government, less the people, through the ballot box, should declare in favor of another, is not the way of democracy. The people should rule, and if the present Government fails to represent the people and they desire it to live, it will continue to exist even if an election be held. Democracy need not fear the people. Autocracy may, and it is the autocrat who would stand between them and the Government. Everybody knows that the present Government does not represent the people, and when the war is over, the election which deferred certain parties from participating in the election and gave votes to others who, in the natural course of events, would not have had votes.

We are told by a local contemporary that a strong Government is needed at Ottawa, and that the need is for a leader who is capable of hazardous experiments in national government. But who's to be the judge of that? The people or a number of persons calling themselves the Union Government? Is the latter going to rule the country despite the wishes to the contrary of the electorate? If the people desire a change of government, let us, with the desire to make a change, do the tariff laws of the nation, who is to say them not?

Perhaps we are to be told that there must not be an election at present lest the Farmers and the Labor men get into power. But these parties would not get into power under the most favorable of circumstances. They are not the people who have their own way? Who has the right to prevent them? There is no getting

## THE CHRISTMAS SPIRIT.

The Christmas season has come round once more. The older we grow it seems to come all the sooner, although it does not carry with it the unalloyed pleasure that the believers in Santa Claus receive. It is a season of good fellowship and rejoicing for all. It warms our sympathies and our impulses and opens our hearts to the better influences of nature, and infuses a spirit of good will towards our friends and acquaintances. We forget for the time the sordid things of life, and the golden rule means something when we possess the spirit that makes us realize that it is better to give than to receive. It is a time when all the world rejoices even though its tears, and the best that is in men and women come to

the top.

While this is the case with the older people, Christmas to the young people is a day of unspeakable joy and delight; to many of them Santa Claus is a reality that appeals to their impressionable minds and hearts, and the contemplation of his coming is as delightful as is the fruition of all their hopes of his benefactions and gifts. We may be told that Santa Claus is a myth. If we speak materially of him, granted, but he is no myth in the thoughts and affections of the child. He is a great reality. To the children Christmas is the day of all days, the recollection of which never fades from their memories. Christmas is a great get-together. It is a day of giving and receiving, and in this even the grown-ups find much pleasure. A gift from father or mother or friend or acquaintance is taken as a token of friendship and good will, and it is just as great a pleasure to be able to give to these as to receive from them. This is the Christmas spirit.

Christmas is also a time when the less fortunate in this world's struggle are remembered. It is not only a duty, it is a great privilege and joy to be able to make the day a pleasant one for some unfortunate friend or neighbor. Scrooge was a poor miserable wretch while he led his sordid life and begged his gold to his bosom. He only knew what life really was when he opened his heart to those around him and made use of the goods God had given him as one of his standards. We seldom envy a rich man except when we contemplate what we could do for others with his wealth.

We have to thank a kind Providence for the prosperity which is our portion in this fair land. Our stores are doing a good business trade. Our workmen have been making good wages, and most people have money to spend, although the high cost of everything is almost appalling. No one need starve. There need be no empty stockings. We are well able to look after the poor in our city and the orphans and others in the city homes.

Christmas is the symbol of the coming of the Christ Child, on whose appearance the heavenly host praised God, saying "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will." In all our rejoicing we cannot forget the Providence that has led us through our many tribulations to the present day. The struggle is over, but strife is still our portion as it is the portion of the universal globe. We looked for a better world as the outcome of the war, and in the striving for such a consummation this old world is being wrecked and torn as it never was before. Revolutions, strikes and social and political upheavals follow each other in quick succession, and at times it looks as if law and order were to perish from the face of the earth. Shorter hours, bigger pay and better conditions are given as certain panaceas, while others would submit Government and make the rule of the mob the rule of law. In the midst of this bewilderment we turn to the golden rule for the solution of our every trouble. We have to go back to the Sermon on the Mount, to the despised Jesus, for the cure of our ills. "THEORE, ALL THINGS WHATSOEVER YE WOULD THAT MEN SHOULD DO TO YOU, DO YE EVEN SO TO THEM." Let this be the rule of life and peace and good will would prevail all over this sorely distracted earth.

The human heart is wonderfully balanced and equipped for life's work. It rises above the big and little worries of the day and sees above the bleak and the chilling, the sunlight on the mountain tops. It has many reasons to thank Heaven for the blessings and privileges of the Christmas of Nineteen Hundred and Nineteen, and forgetting the tragedies of the war that lie behind, rejoice at the return of the anniversary of the birth of the Son of Man and the Son of God. In the spirit of Christmas we sincerely and gladly wish all a Merry Christmas and a Very Happy New Year.

from this reasoning, unless you are set up a dictatorship or treat the people as if they were a lot of children who could not be trusted to look after themselves.

We are satisfied that similar reasons will be given next year or the year after. The Union Government will not want to go to the people and say it is forced to do this, if it has no mandate from the people he continues in office. Since the election the electorate has been doubled in number. A strong government may be needed, but the present one is not strong and the retirement of the Premier does not and it is strength. Some of the Ministers have resigned and some wish to resign, others are absolutely faithful, and others like him, there is no chance of reformation or of earning a release. Was Kowalski judicially murdered?

## EDITORIAL NOTES.

Will Sir George succeed Sir Robert?

Only three buying days to Christmas.

Now it is taxless food that we are offered.

Montreal will have neither truck nor trade with Toronto.

Jack Dempsey is said to want a quarter of a million to fight the French champion, win or lose. Jack must believe in safety first.

If the wives of Drury's Cabinet Ministers are to set their fashions look out for a rebellion in the fashionable world.

Woodstock is preening itself upon having two lady trustee candidates. We will congratulate it when they are elected.

Kingston's health officer has ordered the vaccination of all the school children. He should tackle the news-paper men next.

The Kingston Whig wants it distinctly understood that the penitentiary is not related in any way to Kingston.

The foreign-born who are prone to crime should take to heart the warn-

ing given by the fact that overtook Novakowski yesterday. British law has a long arm and few criminals fail to discover that fact.

**Industrial Conditions.** Kirkpatrick is earning his salary all right. The results of his year's work are really astonishing. If he continues as he is doing, Hamilton will soon be the greatest industrial centre in all Canada.

The tax collector should get a good share of the credit for the surplus and so should the Hydro-Electric Commission. Then the Board of Works saves a lot of money by not doing the work that it intended doing. It is to be hoped that the aldermen will be given a chance to "speak" on all subjects except the first.

The Liberi Leaguers have accepted the challenge of Mr. Raney, the new Attorney-General, and have invited him to contest North Essex, where it is reported that a seat can be made. The constituency gave large majorities in favor of the "wets" on all subjects except the first.

The Christmas shopping should be pretty well done by to-day. The clerks have been working hard and should get busy early on Monday morning. The clerks should be able to get away early on Christmas eve. Let the citizens do their part to enable them to get off.

The attempt to assassinate the Lord Lieutenant of Ireland, General Sir Edward Carson, was made by an unprivileged person. Great Britain is not to be driven out of Ireland by such means. Intentionally or otherwise the Sinn Fein movement appears to have given an opportunity to the criminal class to terrorize over the better class of people.

The Kingston White has already protested against the proposed building of the Ontario Auditorium. The Ontario Auditorium is a Pandemonium Festivus. Still we think that the suggestion of Flanagan Ellis, who appears to be a sensible sort of chap, is worthy of consideration.

He is supposed to know as much about his business as any body else, and his advice is that the public murderers down there, and being a merciful man, he bases his plea on the grounds of humanity and mercy.

## A BEAUTIFUL GIFT

To G. Roy Fenwick From First Methodist Church.

When Mr. G. Roy Fenwick went to his home the other day he found awaiting his return a very beautiful quarter-cent oak equipped writing desk and chair, a token of appreciation from the First Methodist Church, where for six years Mr. Fenwick was choir director, retiring recently on account of pressure of health. The gift was a complete surprise. It was accompanied by the hearty good will of the church and the season's greetings.

Safety first. If you see a fight, pounce in. It is the innocent bystander that gets hurt.

## WOULD HELP.

(Montreal Herald.)

A little snow on top of this fresh.

M. Weilert, who is not to be put off about the proper Christmas spirit.

## TRUTH IN VERSE.

(Philadelphia Record.)

The snowy winter weather fills maidens' cheeks with roses; the world of private stills will do the same for fifty cents' worth of wares.

## WORLD WAR.

(London Free Press.)

A dollar a day's balance of 25,000 dollars makes the world pay a dollar for fifty cents' worth of wares.

## EXPONDED GOODNESS.

(Ottawa Journal.)

A woman is to be added to the Ontario appeal census, so that nothing important is overlooked.

Ontario is the only province that has

represented the entire.

So many people are there now to direct our ways that we shall soon be "busting" with goodness.

## A BOLSHIE VICTORY.

(Baltimore Evening Star.)

A Russian gold balance of 25,000 roubles was auctioned in New York on Thursday and brought the owner \$1,000.

Before the war the exchange on Petrograd was worth at parity slightly more than 50 cents a rouble. Another victory for the Bolsheviks.

## THE STATEMENT.

(Montreal Expositor.)

The country that has arrogated to itself the title of the foremost democratic people in the world is a hypocrite.

It is a country that has not

represented the democratic

spirit in its actions.

It is a country that has no means

whereby, in any reasonable time, an

executive can be established in

the same manner as in the

same country.

It is a country that has no means

whereby a situation which could not possibly happen France, Britain, or in any of the self-governing British dominions,

## PENDANTS.

There are exquisite diamond

pendants at such low

prices as \$15.00, \$18.00,

\$22.00, \$25.00 and upward.

Ba Pin and Brooches, in

every conceivable style and

unbelievable variety at about

the same price.

## THE JOLT THE BET.

(London Free Press.)

The city of Hamilton is

well known for its

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## Smiletime Christmastime

Sketches from life by  
Westerman

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**Reckless Finance** —  
"I've spent all my Christmas money  
and wish I had a whole lot more to spend!  
So here I, Christmas comes but  
once a year, you know!"



Poor father fails to find a  
place in the house to hide mother's present  
where mother hasn't something hidden.



Filling the pot with smiles  
for smileless ones.

"How do you manage to smile, you must be very tired?"  
"Sure, I'm tired! But it makes me smile to see so  
many smiling because they're buying happiness  
for others!"



"Do you think that  
Jack suspects what you've got for him?"  
"It would never occur to him.  
Surprises are great fun!"



"We've had a tree every year since the  
first baby was born and our youngest is  
twen'y!" — "We've had a tree every  
year and we never had a baby!"



"One of the disappointments  
of my life is that my parents wouldn't let me  
have a drum, when I was kid, for fear I'd  
disturb the neighbors. I determined that if  
I ever had a boy, he'd have a drum, if he  
disturbed a continent! At I always thought  
I could play one anyway!"  
Clerk; — "Maybe it's not too late to begin now, sir!"



Love is blind —  
Kiddies; — "Gee! Aint he wonderful?"

## Holiday Greeting from the International Plow Works of Canada, Limited

**T**HE holiday message of the International Plow Works of Canada, Ltd., to the people of Hamilton, Ontario, and all Canada, is one of courage and good cheer.

**A**FTER sixteen years of experience as a Canadian manufacturer, this Company would need to forget all its successful past in order to lose faith in a still better future. Our enterprise has grown steadily, reflecting the growth of Canadian agriculture and industry. The first year we had one factory and 800 employees; now there are three International factories with an average of 3,600 employees.

**T**HE promise of business opportunity that brought our Company into existence as a manufacturing enterprise has been excellently kept; its early hopes have been realized in the solid facts of industrial achievement.

**I**T is not only in the farm lands of the Dominion that our Company finds this promise. In addition to the domestic trade our Company has found a receptive market for its goods abroad. Machines made in Hamilton are used in the fields of the United States, Australia, Great Britain, New Zealand, continental Europe, South America, Africa, Asia and other countries. This export trade, now strongly stimulated by the post-war needs of all grass and grain-growing countries, has meant and means more work, more employment and more prosperity for Hamilton.

**O**UR Company takes pride in the fact that no external or internal cause has ever interrupted or seriously affected production in its factories. Through all the economic and industrial stresses of sixteen years its record of operation shows no break or no set-back—not even in the profound disorganization due to war and war's aftermath of consequences.

**A**ND there is also just occasion for the Company to be proud of its employees and its relations with them. In the year now closing these relations have been put upon a new and more definite basis. By means of the Harvester Industrial Council Plan of employee representation, the workers and the management meet frequently and discuss frankly and settle harmoniously all questions of mutual interest, including wages, hours and working conditions.

**U**NDER this system industrial co-operation between the International Plow Works of Canada, Ltd., and its employees is not a theory but a condition, not an idea but a fact.

**T**HE Harvester Plan may not be the complete and final answer to the industrial relations problem, but it is the best we know at this time and can be developed through experience. It brings the employees and management closer together in understanding, purpose and interest; it enables them to work together more effectively for their common good.



**W**ORK and more work—more production—more effort and closer thrift; these, according to the world's best thought, are the cure and the only cure for the ills of the war-sick world. Industry produces most and best when all its factors work together—when they intelligently and fully co-operate. In its factories our Company aims to put that thought into practice.

**I**N its relation to the farmers of Canada, our Company holds itself not to be merely a maker and seller of the agricultural machines. The sale and delivery of a farm implement are not the end but only the beginning of the relation. The service that follows the machines—the service of adjustment and repairs—lasts as long as they do.

**B**EYOND that is the Company's unceasing effort to produce not only improved machines but new machines that will lessen the farmer's labor and increase the yield of his land.

**T**HERE are seventeen Harvester branch houses in Canada, each a complete business unit. In every city and town of every farming district there is a dealer in Harvester goods. All these are links in the endless chain of service that binds our factories to the farms of the Dominion.

**A**S a long and solidly established manufacturing enterprise, and as a factor in the building of Canada's agricultural prosperity, our Company, with all its thousands of busy employees, gives holiday greeting to Canada. It gives special greeting to the people of Hamilton, its principal factory city.

## INTERNATIONAL PLOW WORKS OF CANADA, LTD.

### Mailing Christmas Packages Calls For Careful Preparation

The very first rule to learn about doing up a package for the mail is that **strength** is the secret of good packing.

Delicate cake can be sent long distances without so much as cracking the icing if they are packed in this way.

Lay the cake on a large sheet of wax paper and apply the frosting, allowing a generous portion to extend on the paper. Place the cake in position on the paper, help to keep it in position. Fold the rest of the paper around the cake neatly and tie it with a piece of cardboard or this board.

the exact size of the cake. Put both cake and board in a strong pasteboard box—the corrugated kind is preferable, as it lessens the jar. Wrap the cake in tissue paper with bran, and be sure that it settles to the bottom of all the crevices. Finally wrap the box in heavy paper and tie it with a strong cord.

When tying large parcels it is wise to use several pieces of cord, and tie them in a single knot, so that if one of them breaks, the others will not be jarred. The address will be printed on the paper. The additional tier of parcels will tell you that the proper way to manage a single string is that it can be used to tie up a tier of packages about one-third the distance from the front edge to the other ends, and draw it round the same distance from that end. Tie it and draw it in, which, when wet, has a tendency to become blurred. If ink is used, however, a thin coating of white shellac will prevent it.

On small valuable articles where it is advisable to pay first rate postage the label of attractive paper can be used. It is astonishing how ignorant

average person is about tying bundles. Insure your gifts from loss or damage by using a good cord properly applied, and use whipping tape for the address instead of string. To many times the paper becomes wet or torn and the address is lost, yet if you are sure to use a wire or the address on all sides of the package, so that in case one part becomes obscured by water, it will be legible. It is better than writing directly on the surface. The practice of using the return address from the post office is not always at hand, and you may devise other methods for marking packages. Small and cut-up neckwear, dolls and similar flat articles can be made into a flat package with a piece of cardboard, and then pinned between neat squares of cardboard and wrapped for mailing. Large boxes can be easily tied to form these containers for small gifts.

Pictures, calendars, etc., are frequently broken at the post office. This can be prevented by cutting cardbord a trifle larger all around than the article to be enclosed, and then pinning in the sides to hold the cord in place.

### THE CHRISTMAS STAR.

A little star, all undismayed,  
Stepped down the dusky ways of night.  
White footed, smiling, unafraid,  
It passed the orb of creation.  
It held its splendor upper high,  
The tiny calendar, the festive far.  
I knew its time to shine was nigh,  
For, lo, it was the Christmas star.

A little child knee'd in the dark,  
With clear eyes raised and lifted face.  
She saw the tiny travelling spark  
Shine down from its appointed place.  
The tears welled to the scarce could see.  
"It's one of brightness," grew a bar.  
"Nothing else," the child cried. "It comes to me."  
"It kissed my eyes, the Christmas star."

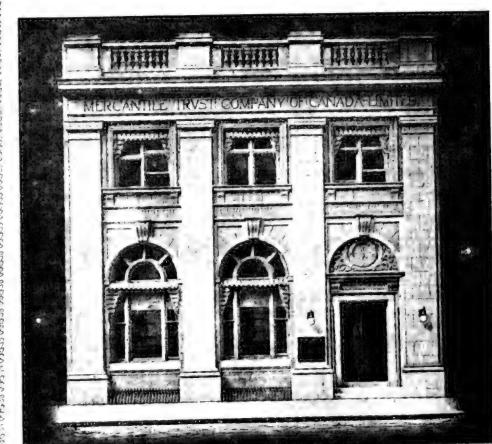
God knows that both these things are one—  
The star that shines, the eye that sees.

The answer to the prayer is shown  
Unto the child on his knees  
On the long lanes of splintered light.  
Desends the shining star,  
But only with pure delight  
Can bring the holy Christmas star.

—Grace MacGowan Cook

"Yule" a very Old Word.

Yule is an old, old word, that may have come from Iceland, or from the north of Europe, where wild people once dwelt. There is much doubt as to its origin and meaning. Many think it means "wheel," and "wheel" means "wheel." and signifies the turning or wheeling of the sun in the winter solstice. Still others think it means a Gothic word signifying noise or revelry. There is no erosion about the finger of scorn. It always comes to the point.



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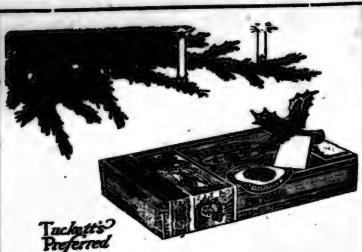
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## YOUR XMAS PROBLEMS SOLVED

A box of these satisfying smokes will make for "him" a Happy Christmas.

Christmas is the time to remember friends and cheer them. "Tuckett's" will help you to do it.

To the Ladies: He will be a happy and contented man if you give him "Tuckett Cigars." Just phone or call any dealer. They can all supply "Tuckett's."

## You Cannot Go Wrong When Giving "Tuckett's"

## Christmas Buying The Same Old Worry

It is much better to give a useful present, such as Shoes or Slippers, especially as Shoes next Spring will cost from \$2.00 to \$2.50 more than at present. Shoes which we placed on order last June at \$6.00, are now costing us \$9.00.

## Buy Shoes Or Slippers For Christmas

**Men's SLIPPERS**—Fine Slippers for men are very scarce this season, but we have a very nice range in both brown and black kid in Oxfords and styles with turn soles.

**FELT SLIPPERS**—We have a good assortment for the whole family, in all styles, including warm slippers.

**WOMEN'S SLIPPERS**—This store has the deserved reputation for selling fine slippers and tie shoes at a smaller profit than any other firm—and besides, it is difficult to equal the style, fit and quality of Climie Shoes.

## High Shoes For Women and Men

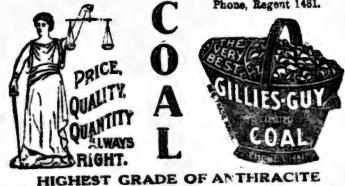
Both in and outside of Hamilton, Climie Shoes have an excellent reputation—and just at present our stock is in grand shape for a big Christmas trade.

**RUBBERS**—We've kept an assortment of fit-all shoes, and handle only FIRST QUALITY goods. We let the "bargain-day" chappies \$6.00, are now costing us \$9.00.

**J. D. CLIMIE 30 and 32 King W.**

## Gillies-Guy Limited

Phone, Agent 1481.



## HIGHEST GRADE OF ANTHRACITE

**J. W. GILLIES, Pres.**

Legend of Mistletoe and Holly.

One Christmas day long ago a soldier bade farewell to his sweetheart and then rode away to the war through the snow. "That day we were green velvet drabs and ornamen of pearls."

A year afterwards, on Christmas day, the soldier was won by a bush with scarlet berries on it, and the leaves had sharp thorns on them. She made a wreath of them and placed it over his head. While she was making the wreath she leaned against an old oak tree, and the mistletoe was hanging over her, turned to make white berries and her dress was changed into leaves.

On Christmas day the soldier was in a maid's room in her pearls and green velvet and the soldier—oh, in his scarlet and his sword.

### THE GIVING OF GIFTS.

If one is going to give a Christmas gift, it should be with a clear conscience. If you can't give to this spirit, do not give at all. We give presents to our friends. Christmas because it is a time of giving, and we derive pleasure from such giving. In the giving of Christmas presents there should be some thought. That is all you need, and a very successful New Year. Let us be thankful that we live in a time where Christmas is so joyfully celebrated.

### WHY THEY OBJECT TO IT.

If one is going to give a few presents, he should give a few presents that they really enjoyed Christmas, or if they wished the whole thing over, and from the heart. The last time I was in a Christmas store, I was told that Christmas was a bore, and they would be glad if it was past. Of course you may safely guess that the person who said so was a bore.

But the reason I say that is that they all like Christmas. This novel of Hugh Walpole's gives some enlightening and predictive thoughts on the subject. It is a good book.

A joyous Christmas, then, to each and all of us, and a very successful New Year. Let us be thankful that we live in a time where Christmas is so joyfully celebrated.

Huggins. The reason you don't give along is because you have to give more and more, and you are not satisfied with the amount of life it is to borrow enough to enable her to get out of the session.

I am a very good embroidery, like a good goods counter, the other.

The best goods counter, the other.















## SOCIETY

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Baker, of Vancouver, were recent visitors in town.

Sims Irene Richardson, of Simcoe, Soo, Soo, was visiting Hamilton relatives this week.

Mr. Ian Hendrie was a guest at the dance given by Mrs. Geoffrey Boyd, Toronto, last evening for his daughter, Miss Nancy Boyd.

Mr. L. R. Tobey arrived home this evening, looking fine. His many friends will be pleased to see him back in Hamilton.

Big States of Pandburg Chapter will have their Christmas tree in the lecture hall of the Armories, on the afternoon of Monday, December 23rd, at three o'clock. All the money raised will be given to the Canadian Red Cross, soldiers, and their little girls under the age of 14, are cordially invited.

At the Christmas closing concert in the Victoria Avenue School yesterday Marion Andrews was presented with a check for \$500, the amount given in the junior essay contest of the Ontario Safety League. The subject of the essay was, "How to Make Safe Motor Accidents." The prize was given by the Hamilton Automobile Club, and was open to the schools of this city only.

In the recent production of the musical comedy, "Quo Vadis," given in the Grand Opera House under the auspices of the Women's Wentworth Club, the parts of the members of the cast were taken by pupils of Misses Gertrude and Victoria Stares, Misses Irene, Ethel, Vivian, Sophie, Leona Beck, Andrew Warwick, Doris Knowles and Meares, Ernest W. Bruce, J. K. Ward and others. The pupils of the school, above, twenty-three of the chorus were also pupils.

N. S. CLUB BALL.

A most interesting social affair was the N. S. Club ball in the Royal Canadian last night. The ballroom and the main dining-room, which were decorated with Christmas trees and decorations, were taken by pupils of Misses Gertrude and Victoria Stares, Misses Irene, Ethel, Vivian, Sophie, Leona Beck, Andrew Warwick, Doris Knowles and Meares, Ernest W. Bruce, J. K. Ward and others. The pupils of the school, above, twenty-three of the chorus were also pupils.

## TEA TABLE GOSSIP

—Mr. J. J. Lindsay will play violin in Knox church to-morrow evening.

—A dominion charter has been granted to the John Lennox Company, of this city.

—W. W. and Mount Davis, reported that this morning, on York street, he knocked down a small boy, who was unable to stand.

—The army and navy veterans' Society will hold its regular monthly meeting in Foresters Hall at 8 o'clock on Friday evening.

—The authorities have been asked to assist in the search for a Ford sedan, No. 3286, which was stolen from Toronto yesterday.

—Philip Orlick, 460 Herkimer street, reported that a lamp was stolen off his bicycle, while it was standing in front of the International Press office yesterday.

—The current report of the Canadian Gazette reports that the Canadian National Railways Company, with a capitalization of \$20,000, has been formed in this city.

—The drawing for the leather rocker, which was \$100, and the \$100.00 bill of sick brothers, was held last evening, and the winning numbers is 847. Winner placed phone 242-1111.

—The annual meeting of the Hamilton Horticultural Society will be held in the Y.W.C.A. on the evening of December 23rd.

—The 1919-20 budget of officers and trustees of the Hamilton Normal school staff.

—Mr. Mcleod, in London, has had his year-end statement for participants (no one contra) obtained, winding up order for the cash. He is pleased with the result.

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# CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

1919



## FOR MEN

Combinations are in favor now—and they are getting more popular every season. See the Tru-Knit Closed-Crotch. We make it under our own patents and it gives all the convenience and comfort to combination garments that men look for.

Its scientifically cut neck prevents the pull which in the ordinary suit makes it necessary for you to leave the top button open.

Made in the brightest, best lighted, cleanest and most sanitary mill.

ALL FABRICS STEAM SH RUNK BEFORE CUTTING.

# CANADIAN KNITTING CO. Limited

HAMILTON, ONTARIO, CANADA

## WHY ITALIANS WERE BEATEN

Those Who Yielded Were of Criminal Class.

Allies Saved the Day and Turned the Tide.

Major (Dr.) F. B. Bowman, who served with an Army Medical Corps on the Italian front, told members of the Hamilton Scientific Association some interesting things about that war last night.

Major Bowman was on the Italian front when the memorable debacle at Caporetto took place. He had been with the Allies in the Voi and other Northern cities, but looked for a time, as though it would end the war. The war, Major Bowman threw considerable new light on the factors that were responsible for that defeat. To begin with, there was the initial where the Italian line broke through, was always looked upon by the Italian headquarters staff as a mere tactical advantage as a particular point sector. Its geographical features and those beyond it were such as not to lend themselves to dangerous strengths or important incursions. Italy had been beaten, but her slackers like every other nation, but these were mostly among the criminal class, who had no desire to fight; but finally they were forced to give service, which they did sullenly and reluctantly. Not expiring a high month from these wars, the Government sent them to the sector in question in the Alps foothills in Northern Italy, where they would have to fight with little fighting to do, it was said. The Germans heard of this and immediately began to concentrate a terrific blow that was to be sudden, quick and complete. The blow was made, the criminal slackers were with them, but the Germans had a fight the Italians were thrown out of alignment, everything was disorganized, the staff was taken wholly by surprise, and the war was over in a day. Fortunately, Allied aid saved the day, but the cause of this was interesting. Major Bowman thinks.

The speaker also told of the astuteness of German spies. Near one hospital where he was then learning the trade of a surgeon, he came through the lines, two of them disguised as English officers and the other two as Red Cross nurses—all able to speak Italian fluently. They did not remain very long, but they were discovered they were spies, and the speaker could not help admiring the thoroughness with which they prepared their mission.

Major Bowman's address was enhanced by a number of interesting slides. E. D. Morrison, vice-president,

presided in the absence of Thomas M. Jackson.

At the conclusion of the lecture a court meeting was held for the express purpose of stimulating greater interest in the Hamilton branch of the Canadian Library Association of old public library building. It was stated that there is the finest collection of stuffed Canadian birds on the continent, says the speaker. Catalogues of what is contained in the museum will be compiled and distributed among the citizens.

## CHRISTMAS POTS

Help to Keep Them Boiling for Poor.

"Keep the pot a boiling and give the poor a Christmas dinner." The annual collection for funds for a Christmas treat to the poor in the city is open now. The money collected is to be used to purchase Christmas dainties, and the speaker urged the members of the Army members on Christmas morning to those who otherwise would spend a very unpleasant Christmas day.

## "MESSIAH"

St. Paul's choir again began services in secular services, featuring Mr. and Mrs. McMillan singing the soprano and tenor solo in the "Messiah" to be given by St. Paul's on Dec. 22. The speaker of the guest, Mrs. McMillan, has been asked to sing all the soprano solos, and not to sing the alto solos, as she likes to sing "Creation" for her this time. Her beautiful clear soprano advantage in "Rejoice Greatly" and I know My Redeemer Lives, and make a great pleasure to the run in "Rejoice Greatly" a pleasure to listen to.

Mr. and Mrs. McMillan with their great experience of Oratorio should give a faithful, helpful and inspiring service.

Mr. and Mrs. McMillan have received offers from some of the leading churches in Toronto to take up solo singing, but they do not intend to do so, as business takes Mr. McMillan to all parts of Canada.

St. Paul's makes an opportunity for great prosperity as the high light. Steel common, fluctuating with a limit of 10 per cent, is the only place where the buyer looks for better than the selling price.

At any time, the President's message to the railroads, and the like being the well known case, And the Glory, O thou that Tellest, a Child is Born, Hark the Voice is Easy, and the popular "Hallelujah Chorus."

The majority of the popular and familiar hymns will be sung, and the congregation should again be present to hear the famous oratorio and understand the great lines of Christmas music ever written.

Put your shoulder to the wheel. Even the wheel of fortune won't turn for you unless you do.

## WALL STREET WEEKLY LETTER

### Comprehensive Review of the Stock Market.

### Great Investments in the Oil Stocks.

(Supplied by J. C. Beatty & Co., New York Stock Exchange.)

NEW YORK, Dec. 19.—(Over J. C. Beatty & Co.'s private wire.)—The market is in a state of great activity, and buyers and sellers are paying greater attention to individual issues or classes of stocks. It has been apparent that shares of the newer oil companies were being thoroughly liquidated, a process which seems to have reached its conclusion for the time being at least. In this connection, figures as are set forth by the New York Stock Exchange are of interest. That source estimates that new oil companies with an authorized capital of \$100,000,000 are mainly organized since the first of the year, and points out that the market values of the standard companies and of the standard independent companies listed on the Stock Exchange are about \$2,400,000,000 and are slightly above the current market value.

It is further stated that the new companies are mainly engaged in oil production, which is the principal source of revenue.

It is also stated that California Packing is bound for higher levels, although we do not look for any great increase.

It is also reported that the market

for the agreement between the Government and the packers as a step toward clarifying and constructive action.

Motor issues have been under pressure, and traders talk of the unusual number of sales, which have been

so high that they would like to be more productive of profits. Incidentally, it may be mentioned that Mexican Petroleum has been doing well, and there are indications of a further advance in the stock. Pan-American Knitwear also looks promising.

Steel makers talk optimistically of the market for their products.

Standard Chartered Bank, which predicts great prosperity as the high light.

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After remaining five cents, sterling recovered sharply on short covering.

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gained labor's desire to perpetuate Federal control is political rather than economic, and seems designed to further the propaganda in favor of the present plan, which at the present time seems

corporate.

The full import of the agreement between the Department of Labor and the unions cannot now be measured, but we sincerely believe it may be considered beneficial, with regard to the present condition of California Packing. Such bullish factors as have outlined are perhaps the best guarantee of a steady market for the market as a whole is steady, activities are restricted, and too many conflicting elements are to stand between the trend in prices, but this condition need not hinder the laying of foundations.

The present oil market, and the war, have caused frantic shorts, in foreign exchange to cover shorts, resulting in substantial recoveries from the market.

Shelling 3-50 cents sold at high as 9.90, and 11 cents, in a few isolated cases were bought at 12.75 per dollar. After opening at 12.75 cents, the market was 12.75 1/4, with the rest in proportion.

There was good demand for Scandinavian kroners.

THIS MORNING'S LETTER

NEW YORK, Dec. 20.—There was substantial amount of short covering yesterday, which had more effect upon prices than buying for long account, and yet the market was not very active.

There was a great deal of interest.

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## BUSINESS, COMMERCIAL AND FINANCIAL SECTION



## The Royal Bank of Canada

## GENERAL STATEMENT

29th NOVEMBER, 1919

## LIABILITIES

TO THE PUBLIC:	
Deposits not bearing interest	\$159,650,229.68
Deposits bearing interest, including interest accrued to date of statement	259,465,169.69
Notes of the Bank in Circulation	541,131,200.57
Balance due to Dominion Government	39,837,355.74
Deposits due to Other Banks in Canada	14,000,000.00
Deposits due to Banks and Banking Correspondents in the United Kingdom and Foreign countries	7,449,852.42
Bills Payable	7,463,833.30
Acceptances under Letters of Credit	806,776.89
	16,467,978.69
	\$497,697,243.99
	17,000,000.00
	1,096,418.74
Dividends Declared	18,096,418.74
Dividends Declared December 1st, 1919	8,203.85
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Fiftieth Anniversary Bonus of 2%, payable December 20th, 1919	340,000.00
	853,422.20
	\$533,647,084.93

## ASSETS

Current Coin	\$17,653,879.92
Dominion Notes	26,723,969.00
United States Currency	1,045,621.00
Other Foreign Money	2,545,138.41
	\$55,901,547.33
Deposits in the Central Gold Reserves	24,500,000.00
Notes of other Banks	3,464,450.00
Deposits in Other Banks in Canada	28,200,000.00
Balances due by Banks and Banking Correspondents elsewhere in Canada	17,103.80
Deposits in Canadian Government Securities, not exceeding market value	16,161,373.08
Canadian Municipal Securities and British, Foreign and Colonial Bonds, other than Canadian, not exceeding market value	45,232,598.66
Railway and other Bonds, Debentures and Stocks, not exceeding market value	38,400,542.77
Call and Short term Bonds, Debentures and Stocks	19,414,801.06
Call and Short term Bonds, Debentures and Stocks, not exceeding market value	16,433,514.30
Other Assets not included in the foregoing	33,812,751.53
	\$273,908,567.80
Other Current Loans and Discounts in Canada (less rebate of 2%)	\$144,259,518.47
Other Current Loans and Discounts elsewhere than in Canada (less rebate of interest)	90,218,271.33
Overdue Debts (estimated)	365,689.60
Real Estate other than Bank Premises	\$231,854,879.46
Bank Premises or not more than one-half its appraised value	7,016,444.12
Deposits of Customers under Letters of Credit, as per centa	16,467,978.69
Deposit with the Minister for the purpose of the Circulation Fund	7,000,000.00
Other Assets not included in the foregoing	172,648.80
	\$533,647,084.93

H. S. HOLT,  
President.EDSON L. PEASE,  
Managing Director.C. E. NEILL,  
General Manager.

## AUDITORS' CERTIFICATE

We Report to the Shareholders of THE ROYAL BANK OF CANADA that in our opinion the transaction of the Bank which have been within the powers of the Board of Directors, were in all respects proper and valid. That we have checked the books and verified the correctness of the Bank's financial statements for the year ended November 29th, 1919, and that the same balance sheet has been prepared by us with the books at the Office and with the records of the Bank and our opinion is that the same is correct. That the above Balance Sheet has been prepared by us with the books at the Office and with the records of the Bank and our opinion is that the same is correct. That we have obtained all the information necessary to form a correct opinion of the financial condition of the Bank.

JAMES MARWICK, C.A.

ROGER MITCHELL, C.A. and Co.

JOHN W. ROSE, C.A., of F. S. Rose &amp; Son.

Montreal, Canada, 18th December, 1919.

## PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT

Balance of Profit and Loss Account, 31st November, 1918. \$ 535,757.19

Profit for the year, after deducting charges of management and all other expenses, accrues interest on debts, full provision for all bad and doubtful debts and rebate of interest on bank bills.

3,423,264.34

\$ 3,959,621.53

## RESERVE FUND

Balance at Credit, 30th November, 1918. \$ 15,000,000.00

Premium on New Capital Stock. 2,000,000.00

\$ 17,000,000.00

Balance at Credit 29th November, 1919.

H. S. HOLT,  
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Montreal, 18th December, 1919.

## STEEL IS STRONG

New High Reached On the  
Montreal Market.

Montreal, Dec. 20.—The greatest number of shares yesterday was furnished by Steel of Canada, followed by Arcelor, and then by the Montreal, Asbestos and Atlantic Sugar.

Steel of Canada was a stronger as well as a more feature, and was up in \$2.00, moving up into new high ground for the year at \$6.50. With the close at \$6.14, showing a net gain for the day of 1.4 cents, and a gain of 20 cents on the advance of 10. 86 2-8. The preferred held steady at 100.

## DRY NEW ZEALAND.

Verdict of a Few Months Ago Believed Reversed.

## CHRISTMAS 1919

The President, Directors and Officers of

THE ROYAL BANK  
OF CANADA

desire to offer to the Customers and Friends of the Bank Best Wishes for a Happy Christmas and a Prosperous New Year.

Massey having swept the country, Ward and his family failed to secure election. The prohibition proves to have been carried, the result will entirely reverse that of a few months ago, when the fairly "wets" had the upper hand. Mr. Wigwag had the liquor interests solidly behind him, and although Massey was forced to only lukewarmly support prohibition, it seems he received the prohibition just as long.

Ward advocated Irish Home Rule, and Massey is an Ulsterman. Mrs. Wigwag—I did something for a long time. I paid that odious Mr. Pneueir a bill of 100,000.00. Mr. Pneueir, Mr. Wigwag—I can sympathize with you, my dear. I paid that odious Mr. Pneueir a bill I have owned just as long.

## SAVE A LITTLE EVERY WEEK AND HAVE MONEY

Come In Now and Join Our

## Christmas Banking Club

It Means Success and Happiness to You

You Can Join  
with:1c, 2c, 5c,  
10c, 50c,  
\$1.00, \$5.00or any amount  
you wish.YOU WILL  
NEVER MISSthe small sums  
deposited regu-  
larly each week  
and in only  
Fifty weeks, and  
time goes fast,  
you will have a  
snug sum saved.

IN EVERYONE are the materials for building a fortune, but many do not use them.

They are "economy" and "grit."

Practicing economy is not a hardship on you. It only means living within your income and putting away a little money for the future—that "rainy day" when adversity comes to you or when you grow old and are not able to work.

"Grit" is the ability to stick to your resolution to have money.

A fortune is within the grasp of all. It is up to you. Start now by joining our Christmas Banking Club with the firm intention of keeping up your payments. Each deposit you make will be added strength to your resolution and you will soon get the "Banking habit"—the best habit of all.

Join to-day it means comfort and luxuries for you and yours in your old age.

YOU WILL RECEIVE INTEREST

## STANDARD BANK

38 James Street South - - - - - Hamilton

## TORONTO MARKETS

## FARMERS' MARKET

## THE MINNEAPOLIS MARKET

Montgomery Ward, unchained, ship-  
ments, 40,000 barrels

## Barley, 110 lb. barrels, No. 2, 11.2

## Wheat, 110 lb. barrels, 11.00 to 11.50

## Oats, 50 lb. barrels, 10.00 to 10.50

## Cereals, 50 lb. barrels, 10.00 to 10.50

## Corn, 50 lb. barrels, 10.00 to 10.50

## Flour, 50 lb. barrels, 10.00 to 10.50

## Cotton, 50 lb. barrels, 10.00 to 10.50

## Linen, 50 lb. barrels, 10.00 to 10.50

## Wool, 50 lb. barrels, 10.00 to 10.50

## Hides, 50 lb. barrels, 10.00 to 10.50

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## Store Open Until 10 p.m.

Until Christmas our store will be open each evening until 10 o'clock.

ROBERT DUNCAN & CO.  
Stationers.  
JAMES STREET AND MARKET SQUARE

### DEATHS

MILLS—At his late residence, 382 Mary Street, on Thursday, December 19th, 1919, Susan Hargraves, wife of Thomas Mills, 72, of Hamilton. Funeral (private) on Monday, at 2 p.m., at the Mount Cemetery. Flowers gratefully declined.

MUNGER—At Waterdown, on Thursday, Dec. 18, Mrs. Jane Munger, in her 81st year. Funeral from her late residence on Main Street, Waterdown, on Saturday, December 20th, 1919, at 2 p.m., at the St. Lawrence Church. Interment at the St. Lawrence Sepulchre Cemetery.

OWELL—In this city, on Friday, December 19th, 1919, David O'Neil, of his son-in-law, William Wallace, 102 St. Paul's Street, Waterdown, Ontario, at 8 a.m., at St. Lawrence Church. Interment at the St. Lawrence Sepulchre Cemetery.

IN MEMORIAM  
ROSS—In loving memory of Sergeant H. H. Ross—In his 21st year, on December 11th, 1918, buried at the Bully Community Cemetery, France. His body was brought home—Safely missed by Father, Sister, and Friend.

THE STEEL COMPANY OF CANADA, LIMITED

ORDINARY DIVIDEND NO. 12.  
Notice is given that a dividend of one and one-quarter per cent. has been declared for the quarter ending December 31st, 1919, and that a distribution of three-quarters of one per cent. will be paid on the ordinary shares of the company making a total dividend of one and one-half per cent. ordinary shares for the year ending December 31st, 1919.

PREFERRED DIVIDEND NO. 34.

Notice is also given that a dividend of one and one-quarter per cent. on the preferred shares has been declared for the quarter ending December 31st, 1919, and that a distribution of three-quarters of one per cent. will be paid on the preferred shares of the company making a total dividend of one and one-half per cent. preferred shares for the year ending December 31st, 1919.

THE above dividends and distribution are payable February 2nd, 1920, to shareholders of record at the close of business January 16th, 1920.

H. H. CHAMP,  
Secretary.  
Hamilton, Ontario, December 11th, 1919.

CORDWOOD  
FOR SALE  
NO. 1 WOOD

BEACH, MAPLE AND BIRCH.  
Orders taken at City Clerk's Office,  
and City Coal Yard, Binge street.

INCOME WAR TAX  
BUSINESS PROFITS TAX

1% assistance needed in preparing  
return to government, see  
W. F. McGIVERN, 61 Sun Life Bldg.

PEACE WEATHERSTRIPS

The busy season is on again. Don't delay—til the extreme cold, in having your windows and doors weatherstripped. WILLIAM PEACE CO., LIMITED, Regent St. Bank of Hamilton Building.

## THE WEATHER

FORECASTS—Fair and moderately cold today. Sunday—Fair with higher pressure.

WEATHER NOTES.

The weather has remained mild in British Columbia and the western prairie provinces. It has been the best for the most part fairly dry, but by the first light of morning snow falls or flurries.

The thermometer is the temperature registered at Park & Parker's drug store. The thermometer is guaranteed correct, being the same as used by the Government.

1918 1917 1916 1915 1914  
Cly Dull. Cly. Fair.

5 a.m. .... 20 35 62 12  
11 a.m. .... 35 45 72 18  
1 p.m. .... 35 40 55 ...

Low in 24 hours 13 36 54 21

High in 24 hours 26 40 54 21

The following was issued by the Department of Marine and Fisheries at 8 a.m.:

Temperature	Max. Min. Weather.
Victoria ...	48 11 Clear
Calgary ...	34 12
Winnipeg ...	24 12 Cloudy
Port Arthur ...	24 20 Cloudy
Port Huron ...	18 12
Port Stanley ...	18 12 Clear
Buffalo ...	16 8
Toronto ...	18 10 Fair
Kingston ...	18 8
Ottawa ...	22 8 Snow
Montreal ...	14 10 Cloudy
Quebec ...	10 6
Father Point ...	6 8 Snow

ALD. STAMP WILL RUN

Ald. Robert Stamp announced to-day that he will run as an independent candidate in Waterdown to secure the suffrage of his supporters again. Ald. Stamp has been an advocate of popular government, good local administration, and has always viewed matters from the standpoint of the people. He is sympathetic with labor and has represented his constituents in an able and conscientious manner.

FIRST SPEARING

While in Toronto yesterday George Halerow, M.P.P., learned that the act respecting the spearing of fish on the bar, provides that such spearing shall not be permitted in the month of January each year. Those interested, however, can obtain additional information by getting in touch with Mr. Halerow.

### AMUSEMENTS

LOEW'S  
The Amusement  
Centre of Hamilton

Box Seats Re-  
served in  
Advance.  
Phone R. 3533 for  
Reservations

Wishes A Merry Xmas to All

CONSTANCE  
TALMADGE  
PRESENTS  
A TEMPERAMENTAL WIFE  
A SCREAM FROM START TO FINISH  
EXTRA ATTRACTION!

PRIMROSE MINSTRELS  
With Mrs. George Primrose  
THE PREMIER MINSTREL ORGANIZATION OF  
THE VAUDEVILLE STAGE

ANTHONY & FLOSS  
Character Nonsensicalists  
"Push 'Em Up"  
AERIAL DE GR. FFS  
Sensational Aerialist  
SCANLON, D. HNO  
BROS. & CO.  
Descriptive Dance Doings

Second Anniversary Week of December 29th  
EXTRA ATTRACTIONS  
Wallace Reid—Trova to—"Oh, Auntie," and others.

### AMUSEMENTS

LYRIC  
HIGH-CLASS  
VAUDEVILLE  
"House of Headliners."

JEAN ADAIR  
IN "ELLA COMES TO TOWN"  
BY EDWIN BURKE  
STAGED BY AL LEWIS.  
Direction of Lewis & Gordon Producing Co., (Inc.)

JACK RYAN & HEALEY  
IN "Showing the Smartest Styles  
in Songs."  
BILLIE BURKE'S  
"LEVITATION"

with Prof. J. Edmund Magee.  
Mats.  
Ex. Sat.  
Balcony  
10c  
15c  
25c

SPECIALTY FILM IMPORT CO. Present  
All-Star Cast in Five-Reel Photoplay  
THE 13TH CHAIR  
NOTE:—XMAS MATINEE  
Vaudville Starts 3 p.m.  
Feature Photo Will Be Run at 2 p.m.  
Doors Open usual time  
Nights  
15c  
25c  
35c  
50c  
75c

VAUDEVILLE STARTS 2.10—8.10

EXTRA ADDED ATTRACTION  
WALTER BROWER  
JOLLY JESTER

MATS.  
15 & 20c

TEMPLE  
SILENT FILM STAGE

EVG.  
15c-25c-30c

MONDAY, TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY

WILL ROGERS  
IN "JUBILO"  
A SPECIAL XMAS FEATURE  
CONSTANCE TALMADGE  
IN AN EXPERIMENTAL MARRIAGE

THURSDAY, FRIDAY, SATURDAY  
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